

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 1-16. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

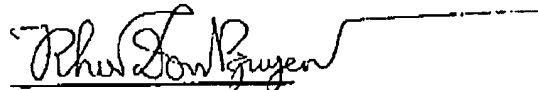
The Examiner rejected claims 17-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Guo (U.S. Publication No. US 2003/0211684 A1). However, claims 17-18 and 20 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 17-18 and 20 is moot.

The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) as allegedly being unpatentable over Guo in view of Dakshina-Murthy *et al.*, hereinafter "Dakshina-Murthy" (U.S. Patent No. 6,855,582 B1). However, claim 19 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 19 is moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. In the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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